

REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge, with appreciation, the allowance of Claims 1-23.

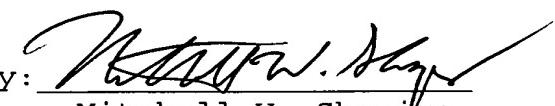
The present Request for Continued Examination has been filed in order to allow for amendments to the claims. The allowability of the claims is believed to be unaffected by the amendments.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been requested separately, such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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